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SUMMARY. PRC DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN YUNG-KUEI'S REMARKS BEFORE THE HUPEH PEASANT CONGRESS SHARPLY WARNING CADRE AGAINST ANY SUPPRESSION OF MASS CRITICISM AND HIS ALLUSION TO POSSIBLE POST-LIN-PIAO CRITICISM OF THE REGIME. LATEST MEDIA REFERENCE TO THE DOWN-TO-THE-COUNTRYSIDE YOUTH PROGRAM SUGGESTS THAT A MILLION CITY YOUTH MAY HAVE BEEN SENT DOWN TO RURAL AREAS IN 1973. ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT NCNA HAS CHARACTERIZED THE GENEVA MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE AS BEING "ENGINEERED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE TWO SUPERPOWERS." PEKING CONTINUED MEANWHILE TO DENOUNCE THE SOVIET "COLLECTIVE SECURITY" CONCEPT FOR ASIA AS PART OF MOSCOW'S EFFORT TO EXERCISE HEGEMONY IN THE WORLD. END SUMMARY.

1. CHEN YUNG-KUEI HITS OUT AT REGIME CRITICS

AGRICULTURAL HERO AND NEW POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN YUNG-KUEI APPEARED TO ALLUDE TO POST-LIN PIAO CRITICISM OF THE REGIME WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE HUPEH PEASANT'S CONGRESS ON DECEMBER 17. CHEN ATTACKED THOSE WHO SPREAD THE NOTION OF "ONE GREAT AND THREE REDUCTIONS," A SLOGAN WHICH REFERS TO REDUCED RATIONS, SEED, AND FODDER, AND  
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POSSIBLY DISPARGES THE GREAT PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION. CHEN INDICATED THAT THE SLOGAN APPEARED IN MAY-JUNE OF 1972, AND THAT IT IS STILL AROUND. "WHOEVER CREATES THIS PUBLIC NOTION," CHEN TOLD HIS AUDIENCE, "IS RUNNING CONTRARY TO THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN AND RECTIFY THE STYLE OF WORK" (HONG KONG 12892).  
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2. CHEN DISHED OUT OTHER CRITICISM OF CADRE BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING A WARNING THAT SUPPRESSED CRITICISM LEADS TO MORE MISTAKES AND A DAY OF RECKONING "WHEN THERE WILL BE TROUBLE." HUPEH'S CHIEF, WUHAN MILITARY REGION COMMANDER TSENG SZU-YU WAS NOT PRESENT FOR CHEN'S ADDRESS AND APPARENTLY MISSED CHEN'S FIVE DAY VISIT TO HIS CAPITAL, AN UNUSUAL WAY TO TREAT A CENTRAL LEADER. AS IF

KNOCKING DOWN SPECULATION ABOUT TSENG, WUHAN RADIO SUBSEQUENTLY BROADCAST A LENGTHY EXTRACT OF A SPEECH TSENG MADE TO THE CONGRESS, PRESUMABLY EARLIER. IN THAT SPEECH TSENG TOOK THE CENTER'S LINE AND WELCOMED MASS CRITICISM. SIGNS OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS FOR TSENG APPEARED RECENTLY WITH REPORTS OF BIG CHARACTER POSTERS IN WUHAN (WR 48). THE BROADCAST OF HIS SPEECH, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS THAT HIS POSITION IS STILL VIABLE.

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### 3. YOUTH TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

JUDGING FROM AN NCNA ARTICLE DECEMBER 21, A MILLION CITY YOUTH HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE THIS YEAR. MARKING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S DICTUM ON THE PROGRAM, NCNA GAVE THE FIGURE OF "MORE THAN EIGHT MILLION" CITY YOUTH SENT DOWN IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THIS COMPARES WITH THE PAST TOTAL FIGURE OF SEVEN MILLION CITED BY ANHWEI RADIO IN MARCH THIS YEAR (HONG KONG 2301). THE ANHWEI BROADCAST REVEALED A TARGET OF "ONE TO TWO MILLION" YOUTH FOR THIS YEAR. MEANWHILE, THE ANNIVERSARY HAS BEEN WIDELY MARKED IN PROVINCIAL CITIES, IN SOME INSTANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SENDING DOWN OF THIS YEAR'S FIRST GROUPS. AS COMMENTED UPON EARLIER, THE PROGRAM RAN INTO TROUBLE AND WAS DELAYED THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF COMPLAINTS THAT THE YOUTH WERE BEING MISTREATED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (WR 45, WR 44).

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### 4. MIDDLE EAST

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NCNA (DECEMBER 22) REPORTED THE DECEMBER 21 OPENING OF THE GENEVA MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE COMMENT THAT IT WAS "ENGINEERED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE TWO SUPERPOWERS." IT QUOTED EXCERPTS FROM THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ON SYRIA'S REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE AND THE SPEECHES OF THE EGYPTIAN AND JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE CONFERENCE. THE ONLY QUOTE FROM ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN REPORTED BY NCNA WAS THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT RETURN TO THE FORMER ARMISTICE LINES OF 1949 AND 1967. PEKING HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THE CONFERENCE ITSELF BUT HAS QUOTED ARAB AND ALBANIAN NEWSPAPERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CONFERENCE COULD NOT BRING ABOUT A GENUINE PEACE IN THE AREA BECAUSE IT WAS UNDER THE MANIPULATION OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AND WOULD NOT SATISFY ARAB AND PALESTINIAN INTERESTS.

5. MEANWHILE, THE PRC APPEARS TO HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW CONCERN ABOUT ARAB OIL TACTICS. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SUGGEST THE PRC MAY SEE A LONG-TERM NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND ASIA BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO COMPETE FOR HIGHER-PRICED ENERGY. HOWEVER, THE AMBIVALENCE OF PEKING'S STANCE ON THIS ISSUE IS DEMONSTRATED BY A DECEMBER 22 NCNA REPORT OF A KUWAITI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER'S ACCUSATION THAT THE SOVIETS ARE ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARAB OIL WEAPON BY  
SUPPLYING SOVIET AND ARAB OIL TO WESTERN EUROPEANS.  
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IN A LONG CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENTARY OF DECEMBER 22, NCNA GAVE ONE OF ITS MOST EXTENSIVE COMMENS TO DATE ON THE SOVIET "COLLECTIVE SECURITY" CONCEPT FOR ASIA. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT MOSCOW HAD ALWAYS GLOSSED OVER SUCH IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AS THE NATURE, PURPOSE AND TASK OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM, MORE RECENTLY, THE SOVIETS WERE SAID TO HAVE MADE A POINT OF CHANGING THE WORD "SYSTEM" TO "PROPOSAL" OR "IDEA" IN ORDER TO DOWNPLAY THE MILITARY CHARACTER OF THE CONCEPT. THE AUTHOR CHARGED THAT THE USSR SEEKS TO REPLACE US MILITARY BLOCKS IN ASIA WITH A "SYSTEM" OF THE SOVIET TYPE IN ORDER TO FILL THE REPORTED "VACUUM" AND TO EXERCISE EXCLUSIVE HEGEMONY IN SAIA. BILATERAL TREATIES WERE SAID TO BE PERCEIVED BY THE SOVIETS AS "BRICKS" IN THE SYSTEM. BUT THE ARTICLE NOTED INDIAN "AGGRESSION" AGAINST PAKISTAN HAD FOLLOWED, AND IN A CLEAR REFERENCE TO IRAQ, THE QUTHOR ALSO NOTED THAT AFTER THE SOVIET UNION IN 1972 SIGNED A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH "ANOTHER ASIAN COUNTRY," TENSION AND BORDER CONFLICTS BETWEEN STATES IN THAT AREA HAD ALSO IMMEDIATELY ENSUED. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY NOTING THE OPPOSITION OR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM WHICH THE SOVIET IDEA HAS ENGENDERED. IT CITED SRI LANKA, BURMA, MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA AS HAVING OPPOSED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL. IT ALSO NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE "THUS FAR FAILED TO DRAG JAPAN INTO THE SYSTEM" AND THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, DESPITE BREZHNEV'S RECENT EFFORT, HAS "AS YET MADE NO OPEN COMMITMENT." ANOTHER LONG ARTICLE OF DECEMBER 19 IN PEOPLE'S DAILY ENTITLED "AN OUT-AND-OUT MERCHANT OF DEATH" BLASTED SOVIET ARMS AID TO COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE.

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#### 7. UNITED STATES

NCNA (DECEMBER 21 AND 22) CARRIED REPORTS ON CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL. IT NOTED THE INCLUSION OF THE "SAFEGUARD" SYSTEM AS A HEDOO AGAINST THE SALT TALKS, QUOTED THE BALITMORE SUN'S REPORT THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WANTED TO INCREASE THE DEFENSE BUDGET NEXT YEAR TO MODERNIZE US FORCES AND TO STEP UP NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT, AND FLATLY CONCLUDDED THAT THE PACKAGE OF AID FOR ISRAEL WAS "A NEW ACTION TAKEN BY THE US TO CONTEND WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

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8. AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING "BAD NEWS" COVERAGE OF THE AMERICAN SOCIAL SCENE, NCNA (DECEMBER 19) TOOK UP THE PLIGHT OF THE AGED IN THE UNITED STATES AND CONCLUDED THAT "MANY ELDERLY PERSONS HAVE TO LEAD A MISERABLE LIFE UNDER THE AMERICAN SOCIAL SYSTEM." ANOTHER ITEM (DECEMBER 22) NOTED RECENT LAYOFFS IN THE US DUE TO SPIRALING PRICES AND THE ENERGY CRISIS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE "US MONOPOLIES ARE RUTHLESSLY SHIFTING THE BURDEN ONTO THE ORDINARY AMERICANS AS THE ENERGY CRISIS IS GETTING WORSE."

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9. VIETNAM

PEKING GAVE RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION TO VIETNAM ARMY DAY. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ANY COMMEMORATION BEING HELD IN THE PRC'S MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (AS IT HAD LAST YEAR) TO MARK THE OCCASION. NCNA DID, HOWEVER, (DECEMBER 22) REPORT THE DECEMBER 21 RALLY IN HANOI AND IT QUOTED LT. GENERAL VAN TIAN DUNG'S WARNING THAT "ANY MILITARY ADVENTURES ON THE PART OF US YPERIALISM AND BOS LACKEYS" WOULD MEET WITH "DUE PUNISHMENT." PEKING ALSO GAVE BARE-BONES COVERAGE OF THE PARIS MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND LE DUC THO. EXCEPT FOR A TWO SENTENCE SUMMARY OF A DECEMBER 21 NHAN DAN COMMENTARY, NCNA GAVE MI PUBLICITY TO HANOI COMMENTS. NCNA THUS OMITTED MENTION OF A NHAN DAN CHARGE THAT THE ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS IN THE US DEFENSE BUDGET FOR HUGE QUANTITIES OF MILITARY SUPPLIES TO SAIGON CONSTITUTED PROOF OF US INTENTION TO CONTINUE THE WAR. INTERESTINGLY, NCNA'S OWN REPORT ON THE US DEFENSE BUDGET SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LON NOL AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS BUT NOT THAT FOR SAIGON.

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10. LAOS

SEPARATE NCNA REPORTS OF DECEMBER 20 NOTED PEACE VIOLATIONS BY THE "VIENTIANE EXTREMISTS" AND THE LDP'S CHARGE OF OBSTRUCTIONS BY "VIENTIANE ULTRA RIGHTISTS" IN THEFORMATION OF THE PROVISIONAL NATIONAL UNION GOVERNMENT. NC M ALSO REPORTED THE COMPLETION OF TRANSPORTATION OF W F FORCES TO VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG. AS IN THE PAST IT DIDNOT MENTION CHINESE AND SOVIET AIRCRAFT INVOLVEMENT.

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11. THAILAND

THAI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINSTER CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN ENTERED THE PRC DECEMBER 21 LEADING A THAI TRADE DELEGATION. THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS FOR 50,000 METRIC TONS OF DIESEL FUEL. HOWEVER, CHARTCHAI IS VISITING THE PRC IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION ISSUED EARLIER THIS FALL BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO-KUAN-HUASJND IS EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS MI POLITICAL ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. NCNA NOTED THAT CHARTCHAI AND THE DELEGATION HAD MET WITH CCPIT CHAIRMAN WANG YAO-TING AND VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE CHEN CHIEH THE DAY AFTER THEY ARRIVED AND CARRIED OUT "FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND THAILAN." AS A TOKEN OF RTG GOOD INTENTIONS, CHARTCHAI ANNOUNCED ON HIS DEPARTURE FOR CHINA THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAD RESCINDED THE REVISED DECREE ON PROHIBITION OF TRADE WITH CHINA THAT HAD IRRITATED PEKING.

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12. SPAIN

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI SENT A WREATH AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG-FEI WENT IN PERSON TO THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN PEKING TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF SPANISH PREMIER SZANCO. NCNA DID NOT TELL ITS READERS THAT BLANCO HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED, PREFERRING TO SAY ONLY THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED IN AN "EXPLOSION ACCIDENT."  
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13. INDIA-NEPAL

NCNA (DECEMBER 21 AND 24) CARRIED REPORTS FROM NEPAL ON INTRUSIONS INTO NEPAL BY ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS FROM INDIA. IT QUOTED THE NEPALI PRESS ACCUSATIONS THAT INDIA WAS NOT TAKING STRONG ENOUGH MEASURES TO END THESE INTRUSIONS AND THAT SUCH INCIDENTS COULD DISRUPT INDO-NEPALI RELATIONS.  
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